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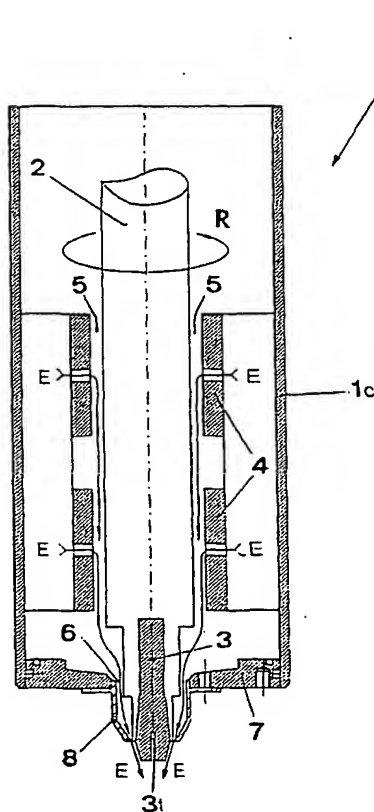
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(54) Title: **PNEUMATIC SPINDLE WITH MEANS TO DIRECT THE BEARING AIR TOWARDS THE TOOL-HOLDING COLLET**



(57) **Abstract:** A description is given of a spindle (1) in which the moving part (2) fixed to the tool-holding collet (3) is supported by one or more aerostatic bushes (4) on cushions of air generated by a jet of compressed air that circulates continuously along the air gaps (5) between the aerostatic bushes (4) and the said moving part (2) and passes out of the spindle (1) through the co-axial aperture (6) formed in a flange (7) through which the abovementioned tool-holding collet (3) projects from the said spindle (1). In the spindle (1) of the invention, directing means (8) are attached to the outside of the said flange (7) to collect the air passing out of the abovementioned aperture (6) and cause it to adopt an outward direction of motion (E) that is tangential to or incident on the terminal part (3t) of the tool-holding collet (3) and roughly parallel to the axis of the said spindle (1).

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